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In re Application of:  
**DeDontney, et al.**

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For: **Gas Delivery Metering Tube**

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**AMENDMENT**

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This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002.

**In the Claims:**

All pending claims, whether amended or not, are presented below for your convenience.

1. (Unchanged) A gas delivery metering tube for delivering a gas, comprising:  
an outer tube having an inlet end and a closed end, and one or more arrays of orifices formed in said outer tube and extending along the substantial length of said outer tube;  
an inner tube having open inlet and outlet ends, said inner tube being nested and axially aligned inside of said outer tube forming an effective annular space there between, and wherein said outlet end of said inner tube terminates prior to the closed end of said outer tube; and  
a gas flow divider positioned adjacent the inlet ends of the inner and outer tubes and having a first gas flow path coupled to said inner tube and a second gas flow path coupled to the annular space between the inner and outer tubes.